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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action, Paper No. 6, mailed April 8, 2003, and having a shortened statutory period set to expire July 8, 2003, extended to August 8, 2003, by petition filed herewith, and is in response to an Advisory Action, Paper No. 8, mailed July 21, 2003.